

APRIL 2, 2005 ELECTION
PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE
PARISHWIDE PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING FIRE PROTECTION IN THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, SHALL A 1/4% SALES TAX BE LEVIED AND DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG THE FIVE EXISTING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS TO PAY OPERATING, MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COSTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PAYING A PORTION OF FIREMEN'S SALARIES AND BENEFITS, INCENTIVE PLANS FOR VOLUNTEERS, ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING NEW FIRE STATIONS, EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FIRE STATIONS, PURCHASING FIREFIGHTING AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES APPARATUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, AND PAYING TRAINING COSTS.

For the purpose of providing for fire protection throughout the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, by assisting the five existing fire protection districts within said Parish (each a "District"), shall the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), under the provisions of Article VI, Sections 29, 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and L.R.S. 33:2721.6, and other constitutional and statutory authority, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one fourth of one percent (1/4%), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on the sales of services in the Parish, and the proceeds of the tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the tax) be deposited monthly in equal, 1/5 portions in the General Fund of each of the five existing Districts to be used as determined by the governing body of each existing District to pay operating, maintenance and capital improvements costs within the respective corporate limits of each District, including, but not limited to, paying a portion of firemen's salaries and benefits, incentive plans for volunteers, acquiring and constructing new fire stations, extensions, additions and improvements to existing fire stations, purchasing firefighting and emergency medical services apparatus equipment and supplies, and paying training costs?